

collection of skin and mucosal swabs from harbor seals and Steller sea lions for development of cell lines and microbiological analyses; (4) administration of deuterium labeled vitamin E and a vitamin A analog and increased frequency of blood sampling to determine metabolic requirements of these vitamins; and (5) photographic studies to determine pelage pattern consistency of harbor seals.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the Federal Register, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

September 18, 2001.

Eugene T. Nitta,

Acting Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Time and Date: Thursday, September 20, 2001 2:00 p.m.

Location: Room 410, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

Status: Closed to the Public—Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(f)(1) and 16 CFR 1013.4(b)(3)(7)(9) and (10) and submitted to the **Federal Register** pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3).

Matter to be Considered:

Compliance Status Report

The staff will brief the Commission on the status of various compliance matters.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Todd A. Stevenson, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Dated: September 13, 2001.

Todd A. Stevenson,

Acting Secretary.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Time and Date: Friday, September 21, 2001, 10 a.m.

Location: Room 420, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

Status: Open to the Public.

Matter To Be Considered:

Mattresses/Bedding

The staff will brief the Commission and the Commission will consider options addressing open flame ignition of mattresses/bedding and issues related to Petitions FP 00-1 through FP 00-4, submitted by Whitney A. Davis, Director of Children's Coalition for Fire-Safe Mattresses, requesting various actions concerning mattress flammability.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Todd A. Stevenson, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Dated: September 17, 2001.

Todd A. Stevenson,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0136]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Proposed Collection; Commercial Item Acquisitions

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0136).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning the clauses and provisions required for use in commercial item acquisitions.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 20, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Victoria Moss, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-4764.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 included Title VIII, entitled Commercial Items. The title made numerous additions and revisions to both the civilian agency and Armed Service acquisition statutes to encourage and facilitate the acquisition of commercial items and services by Federal Government agencies.

To implement these changes, DoD, NASA, and GSA amended the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to include several streamlined and simplified clauses and provisions to be used in place of existing clauses and provisions. They were designed to simplify solicitations and contracts for commercial items.

Information is used by Federal agencies to facilitate the acquisition of commercial items and services.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 118,000.
Responses Per Respondent: 12.1.
Total Responses: 1,427,800.
Hours Per Response: .312.
Total Burden Hours: 445,450.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals

Requester may obtain a copy of the proposal from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVP), Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0136 regarding Commercial Item Acquisitions in all correspondence.

Dated: September 14, 2001.

Al Matera,

Director, Acquisition Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Meeting of the Advisory Panel To Assess the Capabilities for Domestic Response to Terrorist Attacks Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction**

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for the next meeting of the Panel to Assess the Capabilities for Domestic Response to Terrorist Attacks Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. (Pub. L. 92-463).

DATES: September 24, 2001.

ADDRESSES: RAND, 1200 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA 22202-5050. Mail written presentations and requests to register to attend the open public session to: Nancy Rizer, RAND, 1200 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA 22202-5050.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RAND provides information about this Panel on its web site at <http://www.rand.org/organization/nsrd/terrpanel>. RAND can also be reached at (703) 413-1100, extension 5321.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Proposed Schedule and Agenda**

Panel to Assess the Capabilities for Domestic Response to Terrorist Attacks Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction will meet from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on September 24, 2001. Time will be allocated for public comments by individuals or organizations. Public comment presentations will be limited

to two minutes each and must be provided in writing prior to the meeting. Public seating for this meeting is limited, and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dated: September 18, 2001.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Air Force****Federal Advisory Committee for the End-to-End Review of the U.S. Nuclear Command and Control System**

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of forthcoming meetings of the Federal Advisory Committee for the End-to-End Review of the U.S. Nuclear Command and Control System (NCCS). The purpose of these meetings is to conduct a comprehensive and independent review of the NCCS positive measures to assure authorized use of nuclear weapons when directed by the President while assuring against unauthorized or inadvertent use. This meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: October 3, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Room 3C912, Pentagon, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William L. Jones, U.S. Nuclear Command and Control System Support Staff (NSS), Skyline 3, 5201 Leesburg Pike, Suite 500, Falls Church, Virginia 22041, (703) 681-8681.

Janet A. Long,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers****Proposal To Reissue and Modify Nationwide Permits; Notice**

AGENCY: Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: In the August 9, 2001, issue of the **Federal Register** (66 FR 42070) the Corps of Engineers (Corps) announced that it was soliciting

comments for the reissuance of the proposed Nationwide Permits (NWP), General Conditions, and definitions with some modifications. The notice announced that comments must be received by September 24, 2001. We have received several requests to extend the comment period, which ends September 24, 2001. To ensure ample opportunity to review the proposed NWPs and to provide meaningful comments, we are extending the comment period 15 days to October 9, 2001.

DATES: Comments must be received by October 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to HQUSACE, ATTN: CECW-OR, 441 "G" Street, NW., Washington, DC 20314-1000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rich White at (202) 761-4599 or access the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Home Page at: <http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwo/reg/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Nationwide Permits (NWPs) expire on February 11, 2002, except the NWPs issued in 2000 which expire on June 7, 2005. We are extending the comment period to allow additional time to submit comments on the NWPs, due to the recent tragic events in New York and Washington. This extension would reduce an already tight schedule to develop the final NWPs. Therefore, we have determined that it is necessary to return to the 60 day time period for the states to complete their decisions on issuance of 401 water quality certifications pursuant to the Clean Water Act, and their decisions to agree or disagree with our decisions regarding compliance with the state Coastal Zone Management Plans pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act. This time period is from the date of the publication of the final NWPs until the date the NWPs become effective. Historically, this time period has been 60 days, except for the 401/CZM decision processes for the 2000 replacement NWPs, when we provided a 90-day time period. Due to the major changes involved in the 2000 replacement NWPs, we believed that the extra time was warranted in that instance. We had hoped to continue with the 90 day time period; however, the development of the proposed modifications to the NWPs took longer than expected. Further, the current proposal has very few changes to the existing NWPs; therefore, the states should be able to accomplish their review in a 60-day time period. For these reasons, along with the extension